

WAIT CALL FOR MEETING OF BIG FOUR

Injunctive Powers In New Measure

With Strikes Affecting National Welfare of Country

Washington, May 2—(UP)—President Truman said after a conference with cabinet members that some emergency injunctive powers should be added to the administration's new labor bill to deal with strikes affecting the national welfare.

The administration's spokesmen said the President's followers are fighting an uphill battle against the Taft-Hartley repeal effort.

The biggest concession the administration has made in the bill is to allow one which would permit the President to order a strike to be called off.

Truman did not say whether he would approve the measure. But it was assumed the President had given it his approval.

The "big four" who called at the White House this morning for their legislative strategy conference were President Truman, Senate majority leader Frank A. Bess, House speaker Charles McNary, and House minority leader Charles McNary.

Officials Are Named For School Election

Election Thursday On School Merger

Election board officials for two Washington township precincts for the special election Thursday on the proposal of school consolidation for schools in Washington, Monroe and Kirkland townships have been announced by John Stoneburner, trustee.

The officials are as follows: South Washington (vote at Renner school.) Inspector, Freeman Walters; judges, W. E. Pauote, Floyd Mitchell, clerks, Frieda Crist, Genevieve Strickler; sheriffs, James Kessler, Dan Railing.

North Washington (vote at Ben Elting home.) Inspector, Harry Beavers; judges, John Kintz, Ernest Tumbleton; clerks, Vera Lehman, Mrs. Bob Elting; sheriffs, Walter Helman, Gail Nidlinger.

Elections will be held in Monroe and Washington townships only. It was pointed out that no election was necessary in Kirkland township because no request was petitioned for by voters of that township after the advisory board passed a resolution favoring consolidation.

Such requests were made, however, in the other two townships and elections were necessary. There are four voting precincts in Monroe township. Only voters residing in the township and outside of the Berne school town are eligible to vote, but it is necessary to have two Berne voting places, because there are voters in each of these precincts who reside outside the town of Berne and are therefore eligible to vote in the school election.

Following are the Monroe township boards. Berne precinct A—Menno P. Eicher, inspector; Osla von Gunten and Wilbert Nussbaum, judges; Mrs. Sulicia Barrett and Edison Lehman, clerks; Menas Liechty and Caleb Sprunger, sheriff. Berne precinct B—John A. Meyer, inspector; Walter Lehman and Albert Lehman, judges; Jesse D. Wittwer and Irvin Sprunger, clerks; Oren Moser and Albert Fox, sheriffs.

Middle Monroe—Jonas Sprunger, inspector; Carl Sorgen and Rufus Sprunger, judges; Mrs. Edith Beer and Mrs. Naomi Bauman, clerks. (Turn To Page Two)

Southern California Is Shaken By Quake

Los Angeles, May 2—(UP)—An earthquake that rattled dishes and light fixtures away shook southern California early today but no appreciable damage was reported.

The shock, at 6:27 a.m. EST, was felt in sections from Los Angeles south to the Mexican border. It was reported especially sharp in Indio, Banning, Riverside and Palm Springs.

Juveniles Slated To Appear Tuesday

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10 Known Dead As Tornado Hits In Three States

Oklahoma, Texas And Kansas Swept By Major Tornado

By United Press The second major tornado of the spring, spreading destruction across Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas, today left 10 known dead and more than 90 injured.

Property damage, heaviest in central Oklahoma, promised to run into the millions. In addition to the twisters in the southwest, windstorms and heavy rain struck northern Mississippi yesterday, destroying houses, uprooting trees and cutting off electric power. No casualties were reported, however, and serious damage was confined to the towns of Houston and Okolona.

In Louisiana, twelve negroes were injured, three seriously, when tornado winds hit a small plantation southwest of Homer and blew down several tenant homes late Sunday.

A windstorm, which the South Bend, Ind., weather bureau said was a "heavy squall of light tornado intensity," tore through the east side of Mishawaka, Ind., last night, damaging factories, homes, trees and power lines. Police estimated damage at \$100,000. None was injured.

The tornadoes that struck 16 Oklahoma communities Saturday night claimed six lives. Four others were killed in Texas, near Bonham.

A pair of tornadoes, riding the tail of a thunderstorm, struck in western Kansas, at Great Bend and Oakley, but these caused only slight damage and no injuries were reported.

The tornadoes struck early Saturday night. The one in Texas hit first in Fannin county, 80 miles northeast of Dallas, Tex. The one in Oklahoma struck Norman, then skipped crazily across the state, hitting 15 other communities.

For the most part, only sparsely populated areas were hit, keeping casualties down. Farm homes and other buildings were damaged, trees uprooted, power lines torn down and motor cars smashed.

Three companies of national guardsmen, on the rifle range at a Norman naval air base, suffered (Turn To Page Two)

Four Accidents Are Reported By Sheriff

Heavy Damage Done, No One Is Injured

Four automobile accidents, with estimated damage totalling more than \$1,000, but no serious personal injuries, were investigated Sunday morning by sheriff Herman Bowman. All of the mishaps occurred between 1:30 and 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Automobiles driven by Lawrence Ryan, New Haven and Robert Marhede, Fort Wayne figured in a mishap on road 27 north of Decatur at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The sheriff's report stated that the Marhede car drove into the rear of the Ryan car. Damage was estimated at \$250 on the Ryan automobile and \$350 on the Marhede car.

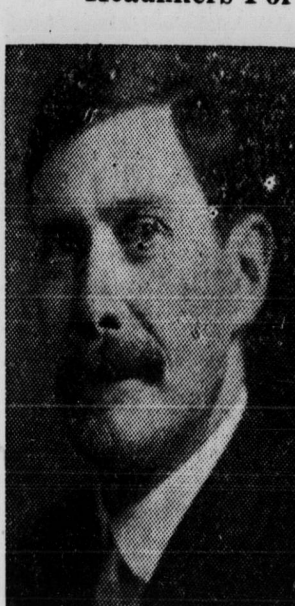
Cars owned by Marvin Bauermeister, Ossian, and William Kiracobe, Wren, O., figured in another accident a short distance from the first one on road 27. No one was injured and the combined damage was \$75, according to the report.

Jesse P. Velles, Geneva, reported that he was blinded by oncoming lights from another car and struck a bridge south of Geneva at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Damage to the Velles automobile was estimated at \$275 but the driver was uninjured.

The last of the four mishaps occurred near Berne at a county road intersection. Automobiles owned by Gene Amstutz of Geneva and Joshua Zurcher of Monroe collided. Damage was estimated at \$200 on the Amstutz car and \$250 on the Zurcher car.

No accidents were reported in Decatur over the weekend, according to city police records, and no arrests were made. Several warnings to motorists were issued by city police for minor infractions.

Headliners For Alumni Banquet



Dr. Ernest Linton



Judge Myles F. Parrish

Dr. Linton, authority on international affairs, will be the principal speaker at the annual Adams county dinner of the Indiana University alumni association, to be held Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock at the K. of P. home in Decatur. Judge Myles F. Parrish, former assistant to Dr. Linton and youngest circuit court judge in Indiana, will preside at the meeting and introduce Dr. Linton. Former students, their families and friends of the university are invited to the annual affair. Reservations may be made by calling Robert Anderson, president of the group, at telephone number 209 before 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Tax Distribution Checks Received

To Aid Repairs Of Streets, Highways

Adams county and the city of Decatur today received checks from the auditor of state of gasoline taxes distributed to counties and municipalities for highway and street repairs.

The county government received \$55,254.16 and the city of Decatur, \$7,328.12. The distribution included the quarterly gasoline tax collections and local government's share of the \$6,300,000 which the court ruled had to be returned to counties and cities.

In the case of the county, the highway department received approximately \$28,000 extra. The regular distributions total \$27,000 each quarter.

The money will be used in expanding the highway repair program in the county, the county commissioners stated. This department is under the supervision of Phil Sauer and the work is already underway.

The city's windfall of extra funds figures about \$5,000, records at the city call indicate. The quarterly distribution in January amounted to \$1,986.66.

The county and city will receive two more quarterly distributions in 1949, which amounts will be expended for road and pavement repairs.

It will not be necessary to call the county council to appropriate the highway funds as the amount so far received is under the \$118,000 budget for the year.

Congressman Asks School Merger Data

Seeks Information On School Problems

Congressman Edward Kruse has asked for all available information concerning the school consolidation problems in Adams county, he revealed in a telephone conversation with Daily Democrat recently. Mr. Kruse made the request after a conference with H. H. High, Ezra Kaehr, Everett Rice and other Adams county citizens.

The conference was held recently in Fort Wayne and the Adams county men asked the aid of the fourth district congressman in getting a federal grant for a building in this county, provided the school merger was voted.

Congressman Kruse indicated that he would help in every way possible but said he did not want to make a definite statement until he had studied the problem and also ascertained if any federal funds were available.

Information is now being collected and will be forwarded to the congressman in the next few days, it was learned. He has assigned a member of his office force to the work of ascertaining what federal funds, if any, would be available.

WEATHER Fair and a little cooler tonight. Tuesday fair and mild.

BULLETIN

Detroit, May 2—(UP)—The Packard Motor Car company today announced price reductions from \$103 to \$246 on its golden anniversary automobiles.

The price cuts were the second largest in the current wave of price rollbacks by the automobile industry. The price cuts do not affect custom models.

Durkin Funeral Is Held This Morning

Visiting Priests Attend Final Rites

A mass of solemn requiem was celebrated for Thomas J. Durkin, former Adams county sheriff and early automobile dealer of this city, by his son, the Rev. Thomas L. Durkin, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Fort Wayne, at St. Mary's Catholic church at 10 o'clock this morning.

The funeral services were largely attended by friends and relatives of the deceased, four monsignori and 35 visiting priests. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Two nephews of Mr. Durkin were deacon and subdeacon of the high mass. They were the Rev. Simeon M. Schmitt, pastor of St. Peter and Paul church, Huntington; and the Rev. Dennis Schmitt, S. J., of West Baden college, West Baden. Other officers of the mass were the Rev. Joseph Herod, C. P. S. S. Mary's Academy, Fond du Lac, Wis., and the Rev. Ignatius Vichura, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church, first and second master of ceremonies.

The Very Rev. Msgr. J. J. Seimetz, pastor, delivered the sermon. The visiting monsignori from Fort Wayne were: the Rt. Rev. D. L. Monahan, the Very Rev. C. J. Feltes, the Very Rev. J. A. Bapst and the Very Rev. H. A. Hortsman.

The clergy who attended were: the Rev. George Gaynor, Adrian Mich.; the Rev. Russell Gillig, Toledo; the Rev. Harold Raesler, Roanoke; the Rev. Leo Rosow, Lago; the Rev. Herman Schouder, Waynedale; the Rev. Lawrence Feltig, Waterloo; the Rev. Anthony Quinisk, Auburn; the Rev. Joseph Hennes, Monroe; the Rev. Edward Dillon, Huntington; the Rev. Charles Weber, Huntington; the Rev. Lawrence Gollner, Hessen Cassel; the Rev. John Frawley, San Pierre; the Rev. Andrew Mathieu, Kendallville; the Rev. Stan Manowski, the Rev. Phillip Fusco, the Rev. Gene Zimmerman, the Rev. Edward Keever, the Rev. Robert Zahn, the Rev. Leo Armbruster, the Rev. Richard Urbine, the Rev. Timothy Doody, the Rev. Robert Hoevel, the Rev. Vincent Lengerich, the Rev. Charles Girardot, the Rev. Joseph Jacobs, the Rev. James O'Connor, all of Fort Wayne; the Rev. William Ehrman, New Haven; the Rev. Henry Aemling, New Haven, and a Capuchin father from Huntington.

Out of town friends who attended the services included Judge and Mrs. Edward Myers, Frank Geary, (Turn To Page Two)

Agreement In Principle Is Reported Reached On Lifting Berlin Blockade

Violent Death Toll Is Heavy In State

At Least 11 Dead In Traffic Wrecks

By United Press Indiana counted a heavy violent death toll today as a result of week-end traffic accidents which came as motorists packed the highways to see the new spring greenery.

State police, reporting a heavy volume of traffic throughout the state, and local authorities counted at least 11 dead in motor mishaps. Another victim of violent death was Richard Yagel, 23, Terre Haute, who drowned in the Wabash river when a fishing boat upset. His wife and brother were saved.

At Elwood, Bert Roberts, 46, Detroit, and James F. Bollhoefer, Gas City, were burned to death yesterday when their big truck was wrecked after hitting a hole in the pavement of Ind. 37.

A third Sunday death in Madison county was that of Roy Arthur Stringer, 17, Alexandria, whose body was found on Ind. 28, apparently the victim of a hit-run vehicle.

Eight-year-old Anthony Nielsen, Knox, was killed Saturday on a country road in Starke county when he was hit by an automobile driven by Frank Fisher, 25, North Judson, a cousin of the boy's mother.

Miss Clara B. Miller, 69, Benton Harbor, Mich., was killed when her automobile collided with a big truck at the intersection of U. S. 30 and Ind. 43 near Michigan City.

Diane L. Hartman, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartman of Indianapolis, was killed when she fell from an automobile driven by her mother and was run over by a car driven by Robert Baiz, Kokomo, on U. S. 31 near (Turn To Page Two)

Communists' Attack Slowed Near Shanghai

Nationalist Forces Repulse Communists West Of Shanghai

Shanghai, May 2—(UP)—Nationalist headquarters reported today that Chinese Communists had been checked in a heavy battle some 30 miles west of Shanghai, but a many pronged push against Hangchow had brought this last exit from Shanghai under enemy gunfire.

Shanghai garrison headquarters reported that the Nationalists repulsed a Communist attack on Chingyangkang, two miles west of the strategic rail town of Kunshan on the western approaches of Shanghai.

To the south, Communist columns pushed steadily east above Hangchow in an effort to block the rail line running southwest from Shanghai. The big rail town itself was not yet occupied by the Communists, although its approach had been wide open for three days and at last account they were only eight miles to the north.

Fighting flared close to Kashing, on the railway 70 miles southwest of Shanghai. Two Communist forces advanced to Shengchih, 10 miles northwest of Kashing, and Hsinsheng, 10 miles to the west.

The limitations on reporting from Shanghai were becoming more severe, and it was hard to get a clear picture of what was going on. Censorship was established, checking all local news copy and outgoing reports filed by correspondents of any nationality. Only meager information was available, and garrison headquarters was practically the only source of official information.

(The Communist radio at Peiping said eight Nationalist armies had been destroyed and four more partially destroyed in the Nanking-Shanghai-Hangchow pocket. The Chinese army is roughly the equivalent of a U. S. division.)

The Communists were reported thrusting spearheads toward the Hangchow rail line at several points. One report said they were threatening Changan, on the railway 30 miles northeast of Hangchow.

A government communique said Nationalist troops threw back a Communist assault on Chingyangkang, two miles west of Kunshan, last night. Chinese reports said the Communists were forced to retreat. (Turn To Page Six)

Hearing July 18 On Recreational Control

Switch Recreation To County Control

A public hearing on the petition to switch the rural recreation program from township to county control, will be heard on July 18, the county commissioners decided in session today.

County auditor Thurman I. Drew submitted a certification of the signatures to the petition to the board this afternoon and the next legal step is to give notice to resident freeholders of the public hearing.

The original petitions, which sought the establishment of the rural recreation program under county commissioner appointments, contained 586 names. A check of these names with the real estate transfer records revealed that 487 signers were eligible to sign. The 99 names eliminated from the petitions included those who were not resident property owners in the 12 townships.

If the petition is granted, the rural recreation program will be operated by a county park board, to be named by the county commissioners. This change would become effective next year. The county would levy the tax rate for funds instead of the township. The levy would not apply to property in Decatur or Berne, where park boards are operated by the municipalities.

The petition was filed last month and under law had to be checked and verified by the county auditor. The law also fixes the interval for the hearing of the formal petition and the nearest date falls in July, Mr. Drew said.

Dennis Norman is director of the rural program. He was employed by the township trustees following the making of a \$11,000 grant by the McMillen Foundation of Fort Wayne, to establish the program in Adams and Allen counties.

Step Understood To Be Final Barrier To Easing Berlin Blockade At Once

New York, May 2—(UP)—A high Soviet source said today that Jacob A. Malik, Russian delegate to the United Nations, is awaiting a call from American ambassador-at-large Philip C. Jessup convoking a meeting to decide on the agenda for a council of foreign ministers' meeting on Germany.

That step was understood to be the last barrier holding up an announcement on the lifting of the Russian blockade of Berlin and the western-imposed counter-blockade.

The source said that Jessup and Malik had reached "agreement in principle" on the blockade lifting and that all that remained to be discussed by the two diplomats was the agenda for the big four foreign ministers who are expected to convene in Paris late this month.

His most recent meeting with Malik, held last Friday, was arranged by the Soviet delegate who asked the American to come to headquarters of the Russian delegate to the U. N. At that meeting, Malik was understood to have offered official assurance from the Kremlin that Russia was agreeable to lifting the blockade.

Jessup will meet with British delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan and French delegate Jean Chauvel at headquarters of the United States U. N. mission at 2 Park Ave. at 3 p. m. EDT.

No arrangements have been made for a new meeting between Jessup and Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik or for a four-power discussion here.

Jessup, who has talked with Milk seven times on the German question, left Washington for New York this morning after consultations with secretary of state Dean Acheson and other state department officials.

The announcement raised the prospect of another meeting soon — possibly tomorrow — between Jessup and Malik, and the chance that Cadogan and Chauvel might join the talks for the first time.

Announcement of the conference of the western representatives working on the Berlin talks followed a suggestion made by Paris by French foreign minister Robert Schuman that a date might be set this week for the proposed council of foreign ministers' meeting on Germany.

Won't Assure Peace Washington, May 2—(UP)—Government foreign affairs experts expressed the belief today that Russia wants to call off the Berlin blockade merely because it is a failure and not because of any desire to promote peace.

They said the success of the airlift and the west's counter-blockade has convinced the Soviets that their own blockade is costing them more than it is worth.

These experts, whose job is to analyze Moscow's confusing diplomatic strategy, warned that the lifting of the blockade "would not mean that the Kremlin wants peace."

"The Russians are realists," said one official. "They will discard any plan that is not successful. But in the act of discarding it, they will attempt to gain political advantage."

He pointed out that Russian propaganda, beamed to Germany, now is stressing that the Soviet Union is willing to end the blockade to prevent a war which "aggressive western circles" are plotting.

Local Man's Brother Dies In Cleveland

Valentine J. Steiner, 52, brother of Clifford Steiner of this city, died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday night at his home in Cleveland, O. Also surviving are another brother, Hugo, at Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. Flossie Dubach of Berne.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at Cleveland, with burial in that city.

Methodist Church Conference Tuesday

The Fort Wayne district conference of the Methodist church will be held Tuesday at the First Methodist church in Fort Wayne, opening at 3 a. m.

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